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MEMORANDUM FOR: ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

SUBJECT: PSB Staff Meeting

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1. ▮▮▮▮▮▮ and I went to the meeting this morning -- he
will give you a separate memo on the agenda and other topics
discussed.

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2. ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ made a short statement on the status of the
25X1A ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ on which he apparently feels somewhat pessimistic.
He said, in effect, that it seemed unlikely that Bronk and his
associates would be able to offer anything tangible, one of several
immediate practical problems being our inability to clear the other
members of the Committee. He also said that he would attempt to
get together with you ▮▮▮▮▮ as soon as possible, possibly this 25X1A
week.

3. It is my own feeling, which I hesitated to bring up
during the meeting this morning, that it would inevitably be em-
barrassing for us to sign off with the Bronk Committee in the
25X1A manner which ▮▮▮▮ evidently had in mind. ▮▮▮▮ made the sugges- 25X1A
tion that this Agency attempt to make contact with at least several
of the members of the Communist sponsored committee whose report
was covered in the propaganda film. Aside from the difficulty of
doing this, it seems to me that it would be a tactical mistake for
our side to approach these people as individuals; a better course
in my opinion would be to attempt to get the Bronk Committee to
criticize their collective activities on the simple basis of their
having lent the use of their names and prestige in support of a
political thesis, without having had any real opportunity to follow
adequate scientific procedures. It would seem to me that this could
be done on the basis of the original report of that committee, and
a review of the propaganda film -- without need for showing any
25X1A classified materials to ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮ Committee. The simple fact is
that the classified materials which we have had a chance to examine
would not add appreciably to the unclassified data at hand. At
25X1A least, you can expect the subject to come up at a meeting in the
near future, and I got the impression that ▮▮▮▮ ight call you
this afternoon.

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4. The other matter which came up following the meeting itself was a brief discussion with Joe Phillips, Godel, ▮▮▮▮ and (for part of the time) ▮▮▮▮ The State Department is prepared to release the statement which Defense has had for some time, on the whole broad subject of brain washing. I made the recommendation that this be done in the form of a general press release, rather than in a special magazine feature article which is probably what Defense had in mind.

5. Joe Phillips raised the question as to whether Defense was not possibly making more of this issue than was prudent at the present juncture; I endeavored to make the point which we had discussed yesterday afternoon that we should keep pushing on the whole bacteriological warfare theme, and tie the brain-washing issue as it has developed in the Far East in with the repudiation of confessions following the reversal of the doctors' trials. The way to accomplish this I should think would be for Lodge to stand firm and endeavor to get his resolution adopted, unless he can force a pretty sweeping retraction of the original charges by the opposition.

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